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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
MEDFORD DIVISION

RACHEL G. DAMIANO and KATIE S.
MEDART

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Civil No. 1:21-cv-00859-CL

GRANTS PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 7,
an Oregon public body, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF

TANIKA COOKS

TAKEN ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022
12:33 P.M.

GRANTS PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT
725 NORTHEAST DEAN DRIVE
GRANTS PASS, OREGON

1 A. At North Middle School.

2 Q. **How did you and Dustin meet?**

3 A. At North Middle School.

4 Q. **Okay. Please describe your relationship.**

5 A. He is my boyfriend.

6 Q. **Okay. Okay. You are employed by the**
7 **Grants Pass School District as a library technician**
8 **at North Middle School, correct?**

9 A. **Yes.**

10 Q. **Okay. How long have you served in that**
11 **position?**

12 A. **About five years now.**

13 Q. **Okay. How many years have you worked in**
14 **the education field?**

15 A. This will be my seventh year.

16 Q. **Okay. Has all of that been in the Grants**
17 **Pass School District?**

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. **Okay. And all of those years have been as**
20 **a library technician or were you --**

21 A. No.

22 Q. **Okay. What else have you -- what other**
23 **jobs have you held?**

24 A. I was an educational assistant.

25 Q. **Okay. Now, Rachel Sager, formerly**

1 A. She told them that I was barring her
2 access to the club when that decision had nothing to
3 do with me, that came from the district.

4 **Q. Okay. All right.**

5 **A. Also she went around getting people to**
6 **sign her I resolve petition which splintered our**
7 **faculty, and there are people to this day who cannot**
8 **stand each other because of what she did.**

9 **Q. Okay.**

10 **A. That was unnecessary, didn't need to**
11 **happen, and it could have -- if it did need to**
12 **happen, it could have happened outside of work hours**
13 **and off campus.**

14 **Q. Okay. Do you recall what you said in your**
15 **formal complaint?**

16 A. Not particularly.

17 **Q. Okay. Did you state in your complaint**
18 **that the I Resolve resolution is anti-LGBTQ and**
19 **attempts to move rights from LGBTQ students?**

20 A. Is it written there.

21 **MR. HACKE:** Well, at this point, we can
22 enter it into the Record as Exhibit C.

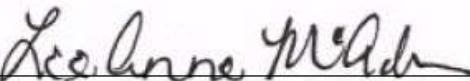
23 **MS. VICKERS:** It looks like your complaint
24 is this one that you have marked D; is that what you
25 want as the next exhibit?

1 CERTIFICATE
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3 I, Lee Anne McAdam, do hereby certify that I
4 reported all proceedings adduced in the foregoing
5 matter and that the foregoing transcript pages
6 constitutes a full, true and accurate record of said
7 proceedings to the best of my ability.

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9 I further certify that I am neither related
10 to counsel or any party to the proceedings nor have any
11 interest in the outcome of the proceedings.

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13 IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
14 28th day of June, 2022.

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